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PADUCAH ATTORNEY DAVID V. OAKES PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING FIREARM IN FEDERAL FACILITY

- Had Glock 9 mm pistol strapped to ankle at U.S. Courthouse in Louisville

LOUISVILLE, KY - **David V. Oakes**, age 45, of Paducah, Kentucky, pleaded guilty today to a misdemeanor Information filed by the United States Attorney charging him with knowingly possessing and causing a firearm to be present in a federal facility, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

According to an affidavit filed by Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Jennifer Fitzgerald, on February 22, 2007, Oakes entered the Gene Snyder U.S. Courthouse located at 601 West Broadway in Louisville, Kentucky, and proceeded through the interior doors which were marked with signs which state that Federal law prohibits the possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons in Federal buildings. According to the affidavit, there was another sign just inside the courthouse interior doors which stated that firearms are prohibited in the building and that Kentucky concealed handgun permits are not valid in the courthouse.

Despite these warnings, Oakes proceeded through the magnetometer which alerted to a metal object on his person. A Court Security Officer (CSO) scanned Oakes with a hand operated metal detector. When the CSO scanned the area around Oakes' left ankle, the hand-held metal detector alerted. The CSO removed a Glock Model 26, 9 mm handgun and a loaded 9 round magazine from an ankle holster being worn by Oakes.

United States Magistrate Judge James D. Moyer accepted Oakes' plea and sentenced him to pay a \$10,000 fine, complete 80 hours of community service, and serve a one year period of probation under the supervision of the United States Probation Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Bennett, and it was investigated by the United States Marshal Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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